AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on ~~the~~ a dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the analysis apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading out the dry analysis element information attached to ~~a~~ the dry analysis element,

wherein[[:]] the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and

the analysis apparatus further comprising ~~has~~ an error handling ~~function~~ processing device wherein the error handling processing device has a function to calculate the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and add ~~the~~ a caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): ~~An~~ The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the analysis apparatus is adapted ~~further having a re-calculation function~~ to re-calculate the analysis result when normal reagent lot information is input to correct the analysis result to which the

caution mark was added.

4. (currently amended):   ~~An~~ The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the dry

analysis element is attached with the element information in the form of an arrayed pattern of

dots.

5. (currently amended):   An automatic analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on the dry

analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation

based on analytical information corresponding to the element information, the automatic analysis

apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading out element information attached to a dry analysis element,

wherein[[:]] the element information attached to the dry analysis element includes reagent type

information defining a measuring item, and reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-

specific variations; the reading device ~~can~~ reads out the reagent type information during reading

the element information; and

the automatic analysis apparatus further comprising ~~has~~ an error handling ~~function~~

device, wherein said error handling device has a function to calculate the analysis result based on

pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and add the a caution mark

to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out

successfully.

6.(currently amended):   ~~An~~ The automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

the analysis apparatus is adapted ~~further having a re-calculation function~~ to re-calculate the

analysis result when normal reagent lot information is input to correct the analysis result to

which the caution mark was added.

7. (currently amended):   ~~An~~ The automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

the dry analysis element is attached with the element information in the form of an arrayed

pattern of dots.

8. (withdrawn):   An automatic analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on a dry analysis

element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on

analytical information corresponding to element information attached to the dry analysis

element, the automatic analysis apparatus comprising a reading device for reading out the

element information, wherein: the element information attached to the dry analysis element

includes reagent type information defining a measuring item, and reagent lot information for

correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; the element information readout processing by the

reading device is previously set to disregard a reagent lot of a specific reagent type; and the

automatic analysis apparatus further has a function to subject the dry analysis element, from

which the reading device reads the reagent type information designated to disregard the reagent

lot, to calculation processing for determining the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical

information irrespective of the condition when the reagent lot information is read.

9. (withdrawn)   An automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the dry

analysis element is attached with the element information of the dry analysis element in the form

of an arrayed pattern of dots.

10 (new):   The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the error handling

processing comprises: registering the plurality of analytical information pieces in advance,

selecting a proper analytical information piece based on the reagent lot information attached to

the dry analysis element, and calculating the analysis result using a proper analytical information

piece.

11. (new):   A method for spotting a sample on a dry analysis element and analyzing the

sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information

corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the method comprising:

     reading out the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element,

     wherein the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element

includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and

an error handling function to calculate the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical

information corresponding to the reagent lot and add a caution mark to the analysis result to

attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.

12 (new):   The method according to claim 11, wherein the error handling processing

comprises: registering the plurality of analytical information pieces in advance, selecting a

proper analytical information piece based on the reagent lot information attached to the dry

analysis element, and calculating the analysis result using a proper analytical information piece.

13. (new):   The method according to claim 11, wherein when the reagent lot information of

the dry analysis element in not successfully read out, the analysis result is calculated, without

interrupting the measurement, using one of the analytical information pieces corresponding to

any reagent lots.

14. (new):   An analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on a dry analysis element and

analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical

information corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the analysis apparatus

comprising:

        means for reading out the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis

element,

        wherein the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element

includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and

        the analysis apparatus further comprising an error handling means for calculating the

analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and

adding a caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information

is not read out successfully.

15. (new)   The analysis apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the analysis apparatus is

further having a re-calculation means to re-calculate the analysis result when normal reagent lot

information is input to correct the analysis result to which the caution mark was added.

16. (new):   The analysis apparatus according to claim 14, wherein when the reagent lot

information of the dry analysis element in not successfully read out, the analysis result is

calculated, without interrupting the measurement, using one of the analytical information pieces

corresponding to any reagent lots.